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SUBJECT: 156TH MEETING COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF
GOVERNMENT BUDGET EXPERTS

REFS: (A) OECD PARIS 33949, (B) STATE 296906,
(C) USNATO 6858, (D) OECD PARIS 29681, (E) CCG/W(75)67,
(F) STATE 243930

1. AT MEETING JANUARY 11, CCG APPROVED FINAL REPORT ON PENSIONS AND ON THE IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS FOR FORWARDING TO COUNCILS. REPORT INCLUDES MINORITY PROPOSAL ON CALCULATING VALIDATION COSTS (REF A) THAT HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY BELGIUM, GERMANY AND U.S.
2. COMMITTEE HAD AN INITIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE REPORT BY WORKING PARTY 13 ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SALARIES AND CONSUMER PRICE INDICES (REF E). THE TABULAR MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY THE MEMBER COUNTRIES SHOWS THAT THE GAP BETWEEN THE NET SALARIES IN THE COUNTRIES BEING REVIEWED AND THE COORDINATED ORGANIZATIONS INCREASED IN THE PERIOD FROM 1969-75. HOWEVER, THE REPORT DOES NOT SHOW CONCLUSIVELY THAT THE INCREASED GAP WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURES OR TO THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL REVIEWS.

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3. GERMANY AND U.S., WITH GENERAL SUPPORT FROM OTHER

DELEGATIONS, CALLED FOR AN EARLY DECISION BY THE CCG TO ESTABLISH A NEW COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURE (REF F) THAT WILL PROVIDE LESS THAN FULL COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR A LEVEL GRADES, WITH PROBABLE ADJUSTMENTS EVERY SIX MONTHS. U.S. WILL CONTINUE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GERMAN AND OTHER DELEGATIONS IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURE THAT WILL GIVE BETWEEN 75 TO 90 PCT OF THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES TO A LEVEL STAFF. CCG WILL UNDERTAKE EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF WORKING PARTY 13 REPORT AT NEXT MEETING.

4. REQUEST USNATO TO MAKE DANIELS AVAILABLE TO REPRESENT U.S. AT NEXT CCG MEETING SCHEDULED JANUARY 26-27 IN BRUSSELS.
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